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Increasing Demand for Food Stamps

Batavia, Ohio. An increasing number of citizens are turning to Food Stamps to help make ends meet, and Clermont County, like many communities across the country, is seeing an ever increasing demand for assistance. Since 2001, the number of citizens receiving Food Stamps has increased 145 percent in Clermont County; in 2007, one out of ten citizens received Food Stamps. Typically, a family of four with gross earnings of no more than \$2,238 per month is eligible for Food Stamps.

“As gas, food, and energy costs rise, we are seeing an increasing number of working families turn to us for assistance,” said Clermont County Office of Adult, Child and Family Stability (ACFS) Director Crystal Patrick. “Food stamps can help, but the program is not designed to meet all of a families grocery needs.” Food pantries and other food distribution organizations are also struggling to keep up with increasing demands from the public.

Patrick says she is committed to providing information to the citizens of Clermont County about the Food Stamp program, who is qualified, and how they can apply. Her staff is working as quickly as possible to schedule interviews and process applications. If you would like to know more about the Food Stamp program in Clermont County, visit the Web site www.clermontcountyohio.gov/djfs/acfs. To request an application, call the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services, ACFS, at (513) 732-7289 or send an e-mail to djfs@co.clermont.oh.us. Another source for information is www.foodstamps-step1.usda.gov.

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